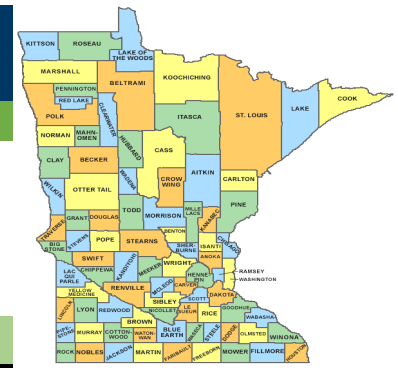


COUNTY PROFILE

# Douglas Co.

Douglas Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 4, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

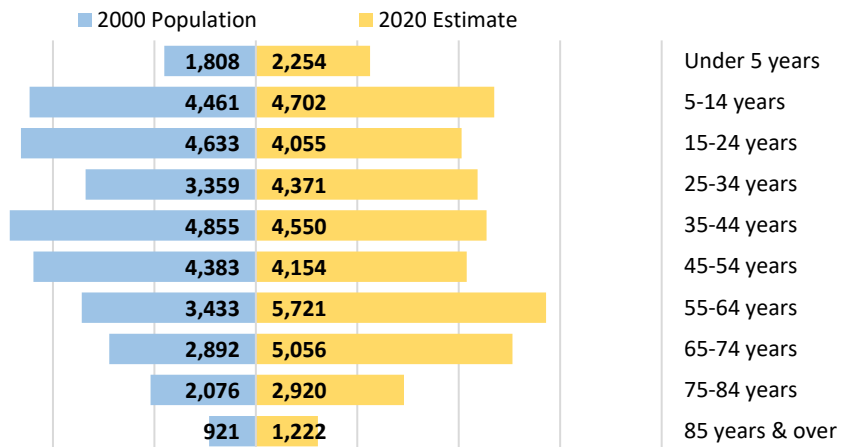
Douglas Co.'s population increased this decade, ranking as the 13th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 27th largest in the state. Douglas Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	<b>39,006 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>43.9 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2020	2,997 people 8.3% increase	state:	38.3 years

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	2,254	5.8%
5-14 years	4,702	12.1%
15-24 years	4,055	10.4%
25-34 years	4,371	11.2%
35-44 years	4,550	11.7%
45-54 years	4,154	10.7%
55-64 years	5,721	14.7%
65-74 years	5,056	13.0%
75-84 years	2,920	7.5%
85 years & over	1,222	3.1%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>39,006</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2020



Douglas Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Douglas Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Douglas Co.	2,130	78	3,848	3,770	2,080	51	2,029
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253

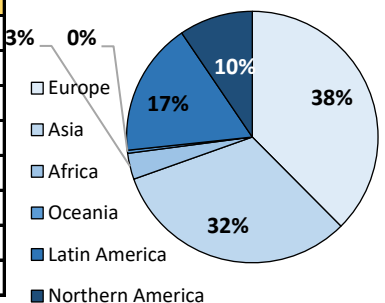
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Douglas Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Douglas Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

	Douglas Co.		Change 2010-2019		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>32.5%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>
Europe	190	37.5%	102	115.9%	9.9%	4.5%
Asia	162	32.0%	71	78.0%	37.5%	30.3%
Africa	17	3.4%	-104	-86.0%	25.5%	72.0%
Oceania	2	0.4%	2	#DIV/0!	0.5%	37.2%
Americas:	135	26.7%	53	64.6%	26.6%	10.0%
Latin America	87	17.2%	28	47.5%	24.1%	12.2%
Northern America	48	9.5%	25	108.7%	2.5%	-7.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019



## COUNTY PROFILE

Douglas Co.

Douglas Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

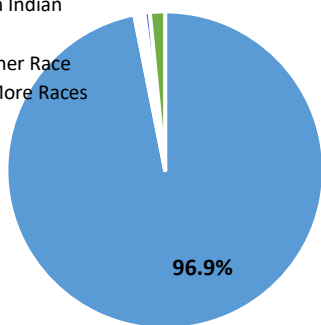


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Douglas Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,513</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13.1%</b>
White	36,341	96.9%	12.4%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	145	0.4%	141.7%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	121	0.3%	55.1%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	121	0.3%	-14.2%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	207	0.6%	256.9%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	578	1.5%	265.8%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	620	1.7%	221.2%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

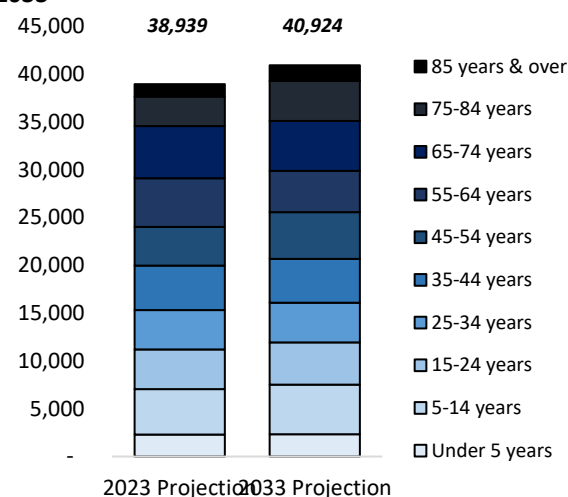
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Douglas Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033**

Douglas Co.	2023 Projection	2033 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	2,298	2,338	40	1.7%
5-14 years	4,750	5,178	428	9.0%
15-24 years	4,145	4,431	286	6.9%
25-34 years	4,131	4,133	2	0.0%
35-44 years	4,640	4,586	-54	-1.2%
45-54 years	4,070	4,901	831	20.4%
55-64 years	5,092	4,301	-791	-15.5%
65-74 years	5,444	5,223	-221	-4.1%
75-84 years	3,063	4,203	1,140	37.2%
85 years & over	1,306	1,630	324	24.8%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>38,939</b>	<b>40,924</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>5.1%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Douglas Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Douglas Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

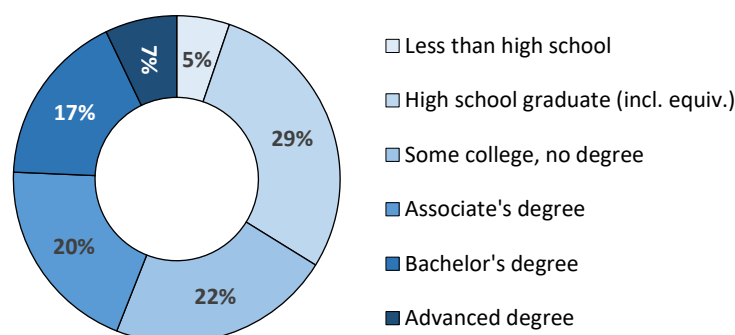
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**94.8%**

**College-educated:** **66.2%**  
state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: **19.7%**  
Bachelor's Degree: **17.2%**  
Advanced Degree: **7.1%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.5%, Douglas Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Douglas Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 3.3% in 2019, but was lower than the 6.8% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Douglas Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.

**21,127** available workers

Labor Force change,  
2005-2020

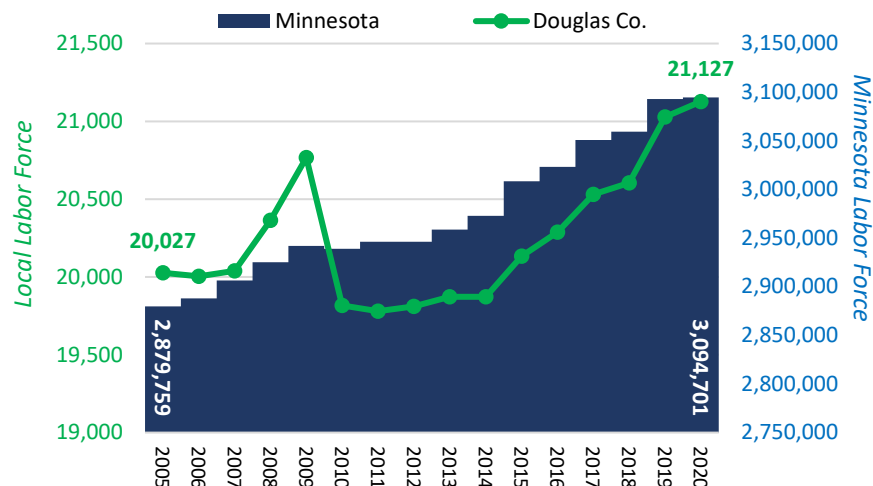
1,100 workers  
5.5% increase

**4.5%** unemployment rate

6.2% state

**951** unemployed workers

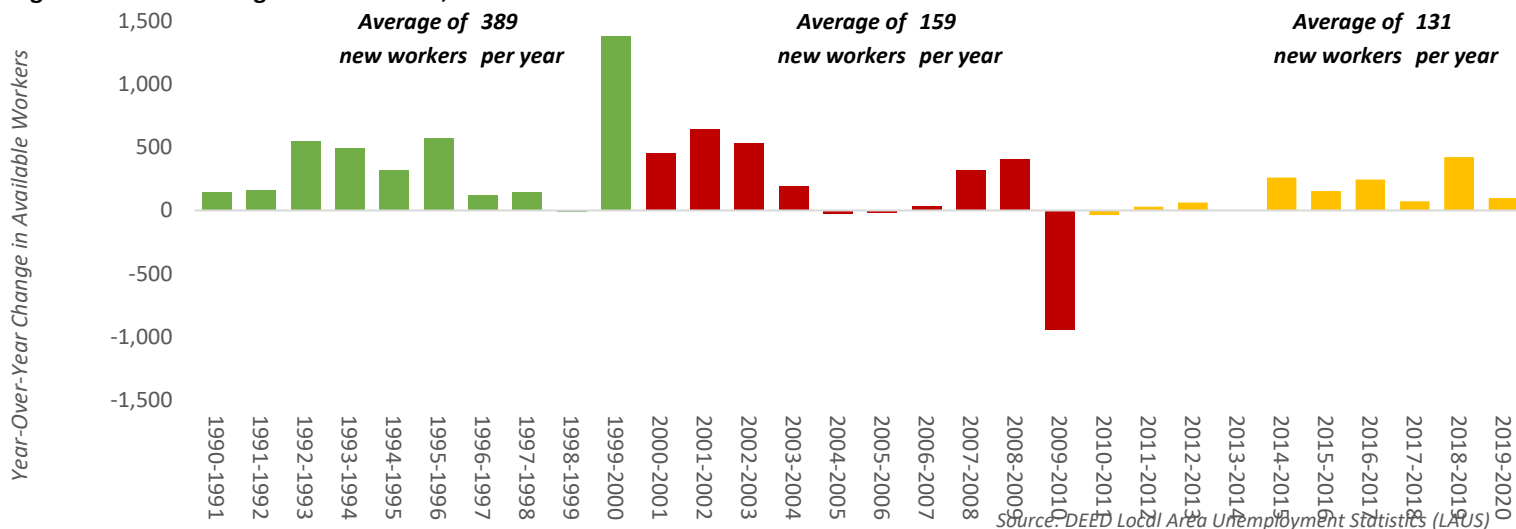
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 388.9 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Douglas Co. averaged an annual gain of 158.6 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of 131 new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Douglas Co. is expected to add workers from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020



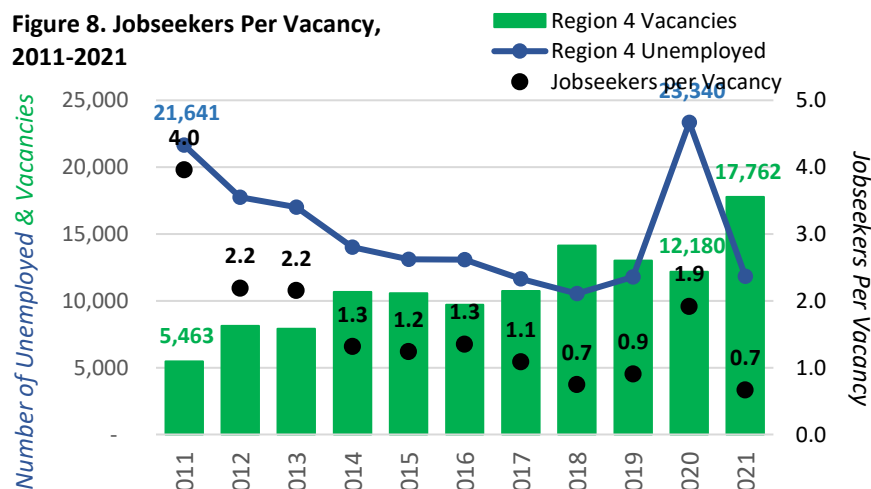
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2023-2033	Labor Force Projection	
	2023	2033
16 to 24 years	2,904	3,106
25 to 54 years	11,619	12,304
55 to 64 years	3,795	3,205
65 years & over	1,640	1,688
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>19,958</b>	<b>20,303</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Northwest reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2011-2021



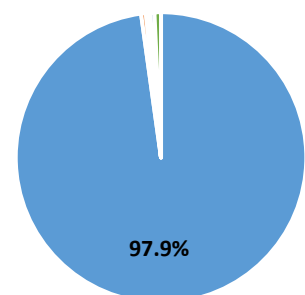
## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Douglas Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Douglas Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2019

	Douglas Co.			Minnesota		Douglas Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>19,881</b>	<b>65.6%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>10,674</b>	<b>9,221</b>
16 to 19 years	978	65.1%	6.9%	53.2%	11.0%	563	415
20 to 24 years	1,765	90.3%	3.7%	84.6%	6.0%	979	787
25 to 44 years	7,714	91.6%	2.2%	88.8%	3.2%	4,187	3,530
45 to 54 years	3,802	88.1%	2.4%	87.6%	2.7%	1,979	1,824
55 to 64 years	4,242	74.5%	2.1%	73.0%	2.8%	2,230	2,013
65 to 74 years	1,115	24.5%	0.7%	27.9%	2.2%	580	537
75 years & over	271	7.0%	0.0%	6.6%	2.4%	156	115
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	19,456	65.9%	2.1%	69.3%	3.0%		
Black or African American	105	73.4%	3.8%	71.3%	8.8%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	35	32.4%	0.0%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	58	84.1%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%		
Some Other Race	94	54.0%	1.1%	77.7%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	145	50.3%	49.7%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	286	74.9%	15.0%	76.5%	6.1%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	981	61.6%	2.7%	53.0%	8.6%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	15,757	85.5%	2.2%	84.5%	3.0%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	529	70.1%	4.0%	66.3%	4.2%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,288	78.9%	1.7%	78.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	7,443	88.0%	1.9%	85.3%	3.0%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	4,504	89.2%	0.6%	90.0%	1.7%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2019



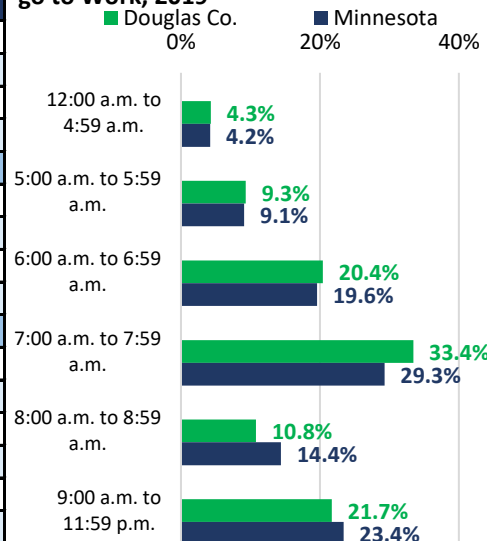
- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A larger percentage of workers in Douglas Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Douglas Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Douglas Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	18,941	99.1%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	16,342	85.5%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	2,599	13.6%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	172	0.9%	69,779	2.4%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	17,049	89.2%	2,506,244	86.2%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	96	0.5%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	516	2.7%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	1,433	7.5%	171,541	5.9%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	5,008	26.2%	456,474	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	7,492	39.2%	872,243	30.0%
20 to 29 minutes	3,689	19.3%	645,460	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,739	9.1%	575,680	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	363	1.9%	194,801	6.7%
60 or more minutes	803	4.2%	162,819	5.6%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>18.2 minutes</b>		<b>23.7 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2019



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

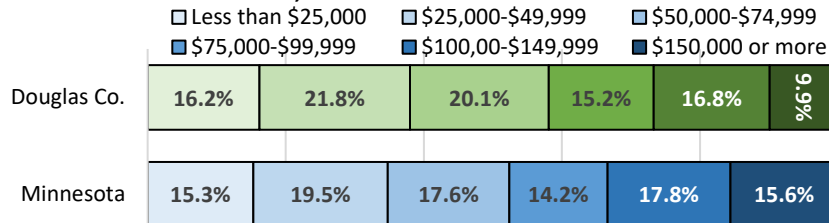
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Douglas Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Douglas Co. had the 24th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$63,819</b>
state	\$71,306
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$79,774</b>
state	\$89,842
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$36,535</b>
state	\$37,625

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2019



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Douglas Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.71 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.14 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Douglas Co.	\$28,525	\$13.71	\$0	\$348	\$163	\$611	\$680	\$262	\$313
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Douglas Co.	\$47,240	\$15.14	\$235	\$794	\$519	\$820	\$789	\$442	\$338
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Douglas Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 12th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Douglas Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2019	Douglas Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,380</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	547	4.4%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	898	7.3%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,900	15.3%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,383	19.2%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,067	24.8%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,539	20.5%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	1,046	8.4%	7.9%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$214,800</b>		<b>\$223,900</b>

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,410</b>
state	\$1,580
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>23.5%</b>
state	21.8%
<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$733</b>
state	\$977
<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>47.5%</b>
state	45.1%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019

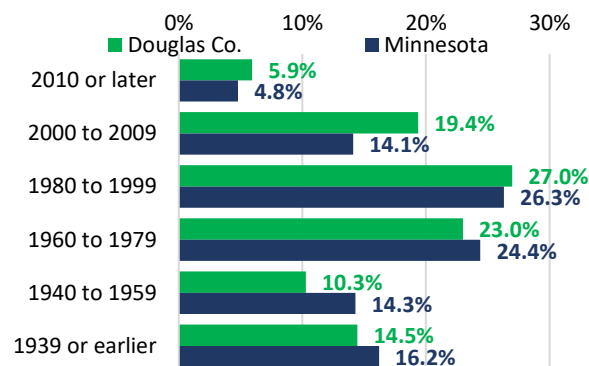
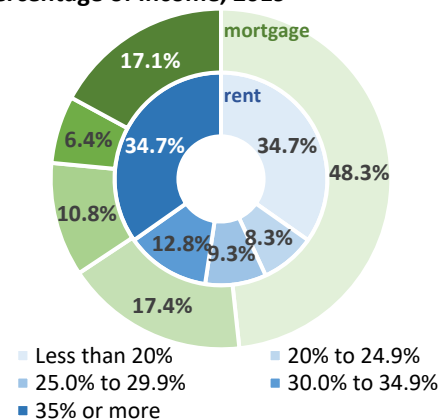


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2019



## OCCUPATIONS

At \$19.61 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 7th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$43.45) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.39) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment &amp; Wage Statistics, 2021

Occupational Group	Region 4				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$19.61</b>	<b>78,570</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$23.00</b>	<b>2,708,760</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$43.45	3,510	4.5%	0.7	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%
Business & Financial Operations	\$28.37	2,680	3.4%	0.5	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%
Computer & Mathematical	\$33.50	1,030	1.3%	0.4	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%
Architecture & Engineering	\$31.73	1,450	1.8%	0.9	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.39	530	0.7%	0.7	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$22.66	2,360	3.0%	1.5	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%
Legal	\$34.57	330	0.4%	0.6	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.13	6,060	7.7%	1.3	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$16.30	1,240	1.6%	1.2	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$29.68	4,800	6.1%	0.9	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%
Healthcare Support	\$14.88	4,850	6.2%	1.1	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%
Protective Service	\$24.92	1,200	1.5%	1.0	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.39	5,920	7.5%	1.0	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$15.70	2,250	2.9%	1.0	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$13.33	1,390	1.8%	0.9	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%
Sales & Related	\$14.94	8,500	10.8%	1.2	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%
Office & Administrative Support	\$19.14	9,270	11.8%	0.9	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$17.37	280	0.4%	2.3	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	\$22.76	4,400	5.6%	1.5	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$23.88	3,570	4.5%	1.2	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%
Production	\$19.58	6,930	8.8%	1.2	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.26	6,040	7.7%	1.0	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

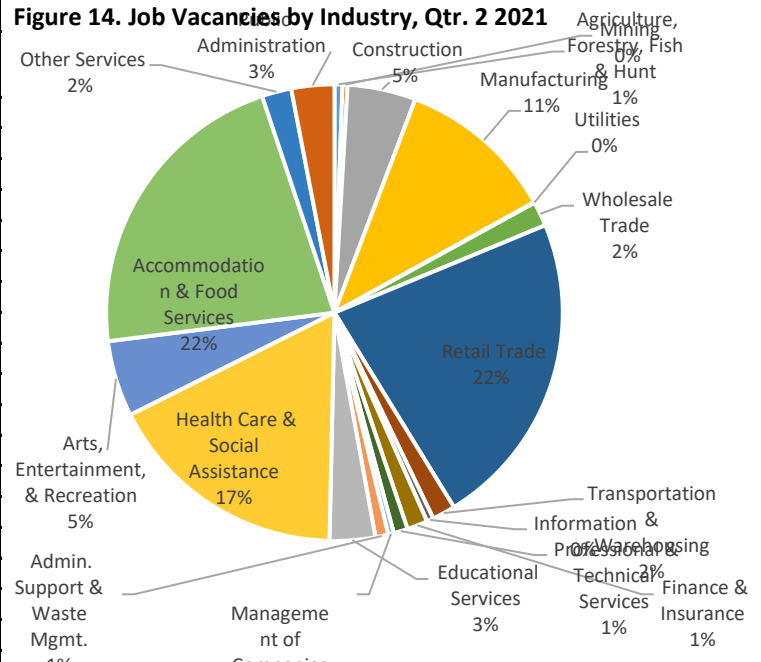
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Douglas Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 17762 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>17,762</b>	<b>\$15.13</b>
Management	189	\$31.17
Business & Financial Operations	286	\$29.99
Computer & Mathematical	149	\$28.03
Architecture & Engineering	83	\$20.27
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	39	\$21.59
Community & Social Service	329	\$18.75
Education, Training & Library	295	\$23.97
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,403	\$23.26
Healthcare Support	1,885	\$13.87
Protective Service	115	\$18.41
Food Preparation & Serving Related	3,646	\$12.97
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	806	\$17.47
Personal Care & Service	221	\$13.21
Sales & Related	2,388	\$13.97
Office & Administrative Support	801	\$15.07
Construction & Extraction	555	\$20.71
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	1,106	\$15.99
Production	1,283	\$15.94
Transportation & Material Moving	1,855	\$14.97

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 2 2021



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Occupations in Demand, 2020

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners \$29,059	Nursing Assistants \$33,192	Registered Nurses \$70,869	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$55,653
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$27,537	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$44,853	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$35,815	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$57,557
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$33,677	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$43,383	Surgical Technologists \$50,177	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$36,299
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$31,147	Computer User Support Specialists \$48,506	Computer Network Support Specialists \$60,416	Accountants and Auditors \$59,318
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$45,816	Dental Assistants \$44,363	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$50,325	Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary \$101,280
Pharmacy Technicians \$35,018	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers \$62,623	Agricultural and Food Science Technicians \$38,083	General Internal Medicine Physicians NA
Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan \$32,542	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$35,744	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$63,159	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists \$53,033
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$30,581	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines \$59,788	Forest and Conservation Technicians \$49,367	Nurse Practitioners \$117,222
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators \$38,150	Health Information Technologists, Medical Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and \$56,465	Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers \$65,205	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School \$57,777
Operating Engineers and Other Construction \$50,500	Electricians \$57,871	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$46,625	Rehabilitation Counselors \$34,434

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

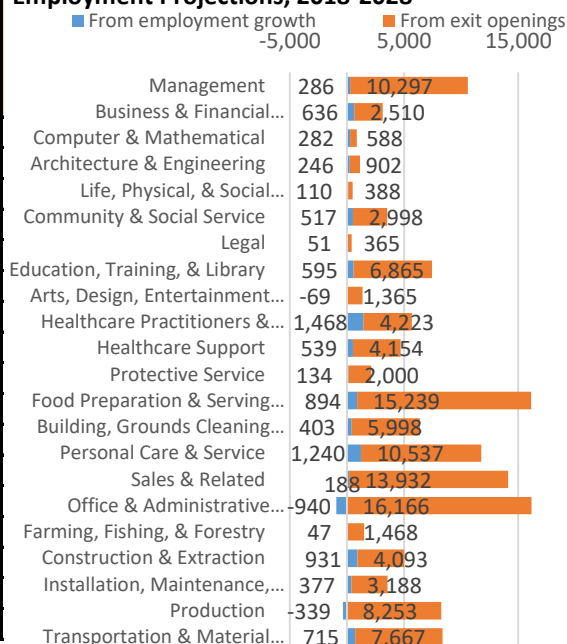
Douglas Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 4.2% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028

Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>263,134</b>	<b>271,445</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,833	6,003	2.9%
Utilities	1,185	1,155	-2.5%
Construction	10,281	11,330	10.2%
Manufacturing	29,207	29,064	-0.5%
Wholesale Trade	12,153	12,545	3.2%
Retail Trade	28,148	28,190	0.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,934	7,284	5.0%
Information	2,506	2,128	-15.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,476	7,789	4.2%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,618	6,143	9.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	4,369	4,978	13.9%
Educational Services	23,141	23,679	2.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	38,050	42,165	10.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	25,231	25,664	1.7%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	10,196	10,174	-0.2%
Public Administration	23,300	23,980	2.9%

Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2018-2028



## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Douglas Co. had the 22nd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Douglas Co. was the 31st fastest growing in the past year and the 16th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Douglas Co. added jobs, outpacing the state.

**1,420** business establishments

**\$47,452** annual average wage

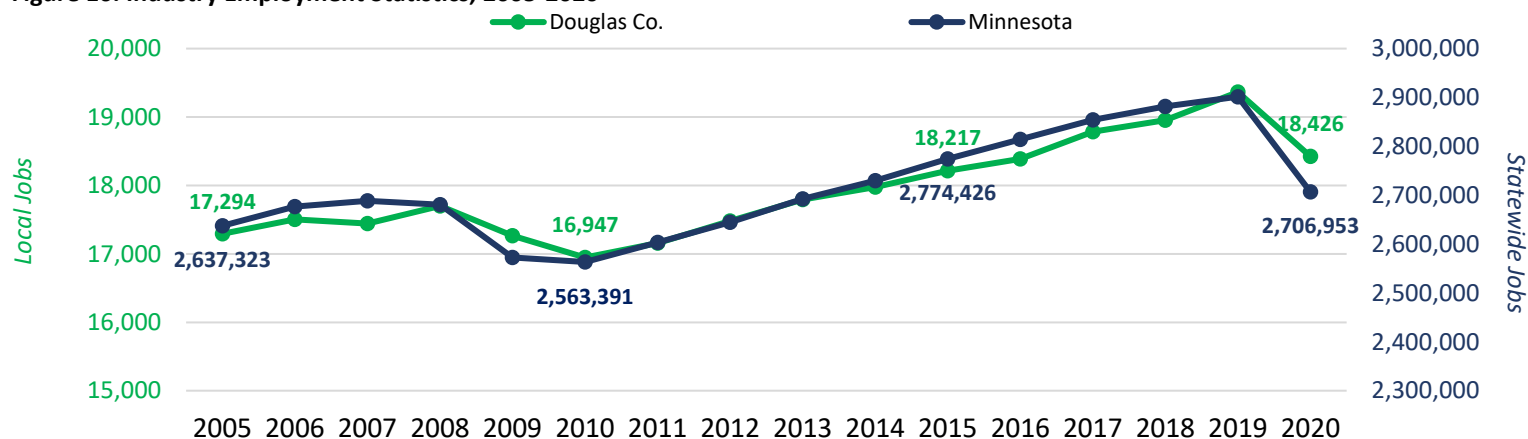
**18,426** jobs

**\$874,342,358** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2015-2020

209 jobs  
1.1% increase

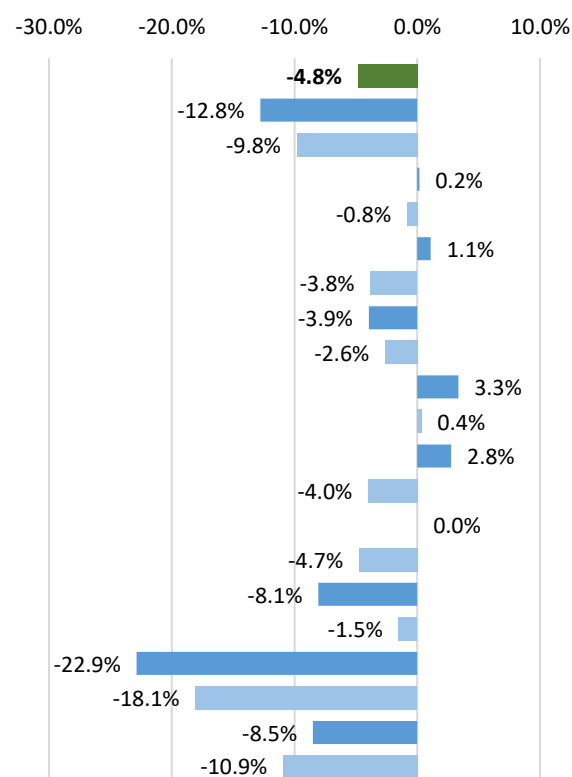
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Douglas Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2020	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>18,426</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$47,452</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	116	0.6%	\$30,725
Mining	23	0.1%	\$59,643
Construction	1,118	6.1%	\$62,603
Manufacturing	3,563	19.3%	\$62,050
Utilities	92	0.5%	\$91,051
Wholesale Trade	911	4.9%	\$60,153
Retail Trade	2,659	14.4%	\$31,597
Transportation & Warehousing	372	2.0%	\$48,977
Information	216	1.2%	\$62,448
Finance & Insurance	572	3.1%	\$67,944
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	186	1.0%	\$48,948
Professional & Technical Services	384	2.1%	\$61,874
Management of Companies	10	0.1%	\$44,439
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	522	2.8%	\$30,381
Educational Services	1,301	7.1%	\$46,263
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,253	17.7%	\$51,274
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	243	1.3%	\$19,507
Accommodation & Food Services	1,638	8.9%	\$17,791
Other Services	625	3.4%	\$26,264
Public Administration	620	3.4%	\$55,040

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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